

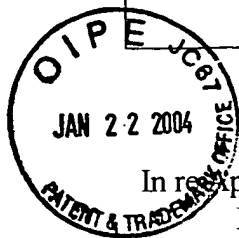
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Title: Fiber Optic Cable Having A Low-Shrink  
Cable Jacket and Methods of Manufacturing  
the Same

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

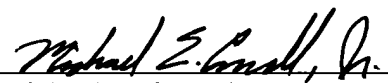
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